

Wall Street Apparently More Interested in the Comet Than in the Stock Market

SLIGHT CONCESSIONS IN STOCKS, WITH TRADING VERY LIGHT IN ENTIRE LIST.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The stock market was very quiet. Traders do not find even moderate trading opportunities, as narrow is the movement. The total sales will probably not exceed the narrow limits of Tuesday's trading—361,000 shares. Values were shaded just as they were yesterday morning, but the easing was not of material importance, and a recovery in short order is liable at any minute with the advent of the slightest betterment in the demand.

Foreign exchange advanced 15 points, and following as it has, daily advances for some time, has caused some little uneasiness. The expected plethora of exchange, incident to the placing of bonds abroad, failed to materialize, and the specialists who had gone short were obliged to make good and advanced the rate. This is one

theory. Probably the fact that there was no balance of trade in our favor in the month of April may have something to do with the strength, as American importers are drawing heavily on the Old World for goods of all kinds.

There seems to be no accumulation of stock. Insiders may be taking on Reading, indeed, some traders are inclined to the view, but it is about the only point where cumulative appearances are indicated. Insiders, satisfied with the success of their efforts to steady the market in the face of an unexpected and threatening development, are doing little or nothing, the reaction having been so insignificant as not to have required any assistance.

Railroad and corporation earnings continue satisfactory, and the general news is not unfavorable. It is just a plain case of lifeless market, the public out of it, traders having little charge, and confining their operations within narrow limits.

Wholesale Produce Market

Eggs, Cheese, and Butter.

The prices given below on poultry are for wholesale lots only. Jobbers' lots are from 10 to 15 cents higher. Reared eggs, 1 cent higher.

Cheese—New York flats, old, 15¢; new, 16¢.

Eggs—Nearby, 20¢; distant, 21¢.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, in tubs, 26¢; packed, 27¢; renovated, fancy, 28¢; store packed, 29¢.

Poultry.

Live Poultry—Spring chickens, 30¢; hens, 15¢; roosters, 10¢; turkeys, 14¢; ducks, 12¢.

Fruit.

Apples—Per bbl., \$1.00; Florida oranges, per crate, \$1.00; California oranges, \$1.00; grapefruit, per box, \$1.00; pineapples, per crate, \$1.00.

Potatoes—Per bbl., \$1.00; new potatoes, \$1.00; old potatoes, \$1.00; sweet potatoes, \$1.00; yams, \$1.00; Bermuda onions, per crate, \$1.00.

Green Goods—Cucumbers, Florida, per basket, \$1.00; string beans, per basket, \$1.00; radishes, per 100, \$1.00; spinach, per bbl., \$1.00; Florida peppers, per basket, \$1.00; eggplant, per crate, \$1.00; Florida tomatoes, per crate, \$1.00; asparagus, per dozen bunches, \$1.00; cauliflower, per dozen bunches, \$1.00; cabbage, \$1.00; lettuce, \$1.00; spring onions, \$1.00; per hundred, \$1.00; per bunch, \$1.00; per qt., \$1.00; green peas, per basket, \$1.00; cherries, per qt., \$1.00.

Live Stock.

Cattle—Prime, per lb., 5¢; medium, 4¢; common, 3¢; spring lambs, 4¢; 10¢; sheep, choice, per lb., 4¢; 10¢; 20¢; hogs, 20¢; young pigs, good, choice stock, \$1.00.

LOCAL STOCKS WERE RATHER EASY, AND ALSO VERY QUIET—GAS SHARES WEAK.

Gas securities showed a little weakness today on the local exchange. Neither the bid price on the 4's nor on the 6 per cent certificates was up to the average of recent quotations, and the stock sold at a slight decline. Lanston also broke a pair, going to 11—a case of an imperative selling order on a market bare of buying or saving a lot of money, but not necessarily the credit of a customer of good standing in a bank. The comptroller's connection with discounts commences when paper is over due, or loans too largely extended in one place. Under other conditions the president of the bank and his finance committee have the matter in hand.

The currency would establish a credit rating bureau, did not create much comment one way or the other. Bank officials are supposed to be perfectly familiar with the condition of the market in Bradstreet and Dun have been accepted in consideration of the money market, in times of money plenty. Bankers are always glad of expert assistance, but the report of the comptroller's connection with discounts commences when paper is over due, or loans too largely extended in one place. Under other conditions the president of the bank and his finance committee have the matter in hand.

Today's New York Stock Exchange Prices

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Washington Stock Exchange, and Chicago Board of Trade, Hibbs Building.

RAILROADS.		High.	Low.	1-15.	Yes.
A. T. & S. Fe. com.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	
A. T. & S. Fe. pfd.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	
Atlantic Coast Line	111 1/2	111 1/2	111	111 1/2	
B. & O. com.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111	111 1/2	
B. & O. pfd.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111	111 1/2	
Brooklyn Rap. Trans.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51	51 1/2	
Canada Pac.	125 1/2	125 1/2	125	125 1/2	
C. C. & S. L. com.	84 1/2	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	
Ches. & Ohio	84 1/2	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	
C. and G. W. com.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	
C. and G. W. pfd.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	
C. M. & St. P. com.	156 1/2	156 1/2	156	156 1/2	
C. M. & St. P. pfd.	156 1/2	156 1/2	156	156 1/2	
C. & N. W. com.	151 1/2	151 1/2	151	151 1/2	
Col. & South. com.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	
Del. & Hudson	171 1/2	171 1/2	171	171 1/2	
Del. Lack. Western	160 1/2	160 1/2	160	160 1/2	
Den. & R. G. com.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41	41 1/2	
Den. & R. G. pfd.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41	41 1/2	
Erie, 1st pfd.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28	28 1/2	
Erie, 2d pfd.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28	28 1/2	
Great North. pfd.	125 1/2	125 1/2	125	125 1/2	
Illinois Cent. com.	125 1/2	125 1/2	125	125 1/2	
Inter. Metro. com.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	
Inter. Metro. pfd.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	
Kan. City So. com.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34	34 1/2	
Kan. City So. pfd.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34	34 1/2	
Louis & Nashville	146 1/2	146 1/2	146	146 1/2	
Mexican Central, etc.	129 1/2	129 1/2	129	129 1/2	
Mo. K. & Tex. com.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47	47 1/2	
Mo. K. & Tex. pfd.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47	47 1/2	
M. S. P. & S. M. com.	140 1/2	140 1/2	140	140 1/2	
M. S. P. & S. M. pfd.	140 1/2	140 1/2	140	140 1/2	
Missouri Pacific	70 1/2	70 1/2	70	70 1/2	
N. Y. C. & H. R. com.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120	120 1/2	
N. Y. C. & H. R. pfd.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120	120 1/2	
N. Y. C. & St. L. com.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	
N. Y. C. & St. L. pfd.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	
N. Y. Ont. & W. com.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	
Norfolk & W. com.	131 1/2	131 1/2	131	131 1/2	
Norfolk & W. pfd.	131 1/2	131 1/2	131	131 1/2	
Pennsylvania	124 1/2	124 1/2	124	124 1/2	
P. C. C. & St. L. com.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	
Reading com.	161 1/2	161 1/2	161	161 1/2	
Rock Island com.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	
Rock Island pfd.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	
S. L. & S. W. pfd.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47	47 1/2	
S. L. & S. W. com.	73 1/2	73 1/2	73	73 1/2	
Southern Pacific	125 1/2	125 1/2	125	125 1/2	
Southern Ry. com.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2	
Southern Ry. pfd.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2	
Texas and Pacific	12 1/2	12 1/2	12	12 1/2	
Third Avenue	1 1/2	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	
T. & E. L. & W. com.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64	64 1/2	
T. & E. L. & W. pfd.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64	64 1/2	
Union Pacific com.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124	124 1/2	
Union Pacific pfd.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124	124 1/2	
Wabash com.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21	21 1/2	
Wabash pfd.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21	21 1/2	
Wisconsin Central com.	46 1/2	46 1/2	46	46 1/2	
Western Maryland	48 1/2	48 1/2	48	48 1/2	

NEW YORK CURE MARKET.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, E. F. Hutton, 120 F. street north-west.

Open.		High.	Low.	Clos.
British Col. Copper	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Chino Copper	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
C. A. & S. S. (new)	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Ely Consolidated	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
First Central	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Gilchrist Mining	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Goldfield Cons.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Inspiration Copper	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Manitowish Copper	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Ohio Copper	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Ray Central	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
First Nat. Copper	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Rawhide Coalition	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2

DESMOND ELECTED LYCEUM SECRETARY

Excursion to Marshall Hall on June 26 Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU. ALEXANDRIA, VA., MAY 18.

William Desmond last evening was elected secretary of the Young Men's Sociality Lyceum to fill the existing vacancy. The meeting of the lyceum was largely attended. Business of much importance to the lyceum was transacted. One new member was elected.

It was decided to give an excursion to Marshall Hall on Tuesday, June 28.

The children at the Crittenton Home in this city last evening sent to the police headquarters here a beautiful bunch of flowers, yesterday being flower day at the home.

In the coronation court, Judge Louis C. Barley presiding today, a decree was entered in the case of William Demaine vs. Lury Murray and others confirming the commissioner's report and directing partial disbursement of sale proceeds.

Miss Blanche Stansbury is visiting friends in Fredericksburg.

"Folk Lore and Other Tales" will be the subject of an address to be delivered by Miss Maud Safford at the Young People's building on Tuesday evening, May 31, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the Bradwood Heights Mission.

The executive board of the Junior Order of United Americans were entertained by Belle Haven and James W. Jackson Council at the Young People's building last evening. The affair was in charge of a committee of which R. T. Padgett was chairman and S. A. Forrest, secretary.

INDUSTRIALS.

High.		Low.	1-15.	Yes.
Amal Copper com.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71	71 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar com.	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 3/4
Am. Can com.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7	7 1/2
Am. Can pfd.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7	7 1/2
Am. Car. & Fwy. com.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61	61 1/2
Am. Car. & Fwy. pfd.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61	61 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil com.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63	63 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil pfd.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63	63 1/2
Am. Ice Securities	25 1/2	25 1/2	25	25 1/2
Am. Loco. com.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48	48 1/2
Am. Loco. pfd.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48	48 1/2
Am. M. & E. com.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2
Am. M. & E. pfd.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2
Am. Sugar & Ref. com.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12	12 1/2
Am. Sugar & Ref. pfd.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12	12 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel. com.	126 1/2	126 1/2	126	126 1/2
Am. Tobacco pfd.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Am. Wollen com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Anacostia Copper	49 1/2	49 1/2	49	49 1/2
Cent. Leather com.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
Cent. Leather pfd.	41 1/2	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
Col. F. & L. com.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
Col. F. & L. pfd.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
Cons. Gas & L. com.	136 1/2	136 1/2	136	136 1/2
C. P. R. com.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71	71 1/2
C. P. R. pfd.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71	71 1/2
Dist. Securities	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
General Electric	110 1/2	110 1/2	110	110 1/2
Great Northern Ore.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62	62 1/2
Int. Paper	12 1/2	12 1/2	12	12 1/2
Int. Steam com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Mackay Co. com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Mackay Co. pfd.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
National Biscuit com.	106 1/2	106 1/2	106	106 1/2
National Biscuit pfd.	106 1/2	106 1/2	106	106 1/2
Nat. Lead com.	122 1/2	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
N. Y. A. B. com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Pac. Mail Steamer	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
Pac. Mail Steamer pfd.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
Pullman Company	161 1/2	161 1/2	161	161 1/2
Ry. Steel Sps. com.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40	40 1/2
Ry. Steel Sps. pfd.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40	40 1/2
Rep. I. & S. com.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Rep. I. & S. pfd.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
S. S. & L. com.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Tenn. Copper	21 1/2	21 1/2	21	21 1/2
U. S. C. I. P. com.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
U. S. R. & Im. com.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
U. S. Rubber com.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
U. S. Rubber pfd.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
U. S. Steel com.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113	113 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113	113 1/2
Utah Copper	46 1/2	46 1/2	46	46 1/2
Va. Car. Chem. com.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59	59 1/2
Va. Iron Coal and Coke	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
West. Union Tel.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68	68 1/2
West. Elec. Man.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

BONDS.

High.		Low.	1-15.	Yes.
Amer. Tobacco 4's	106 1/2	106 1/2	106	106 1/2
Amer. Tobacco 5's	106 1/2	106 1/2	106	106 1/2
B. & O. Gen. 4's	109 1/2	109 1/2	109	109 1/2
B. & O. Gen. 5's	109 1/2	109 1/2	109	109 1/2
B. R. T. Convert. 4's	84 1/2	84 1/2	84	84 1/2
C. & E. Q. J. 4's	96 1/2	96 1/2	96	96 1/2
C. R. I. & P. 4's	77 1/2	77 1/2	77	77 1/2
Chi. R. I. & P. 4's	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Inter. Met. 4's	80 1/2	80 1/2	80	80 1/2
Nor. Pac. 4's	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Pac. Sou. 3's 1915	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Southern Ry. 5's	105 1/2	105 1/2	105	105 1/2
U. S. Pac. 4's	100 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
U. S. Steel 2d 5's	104 1/2	104 1/2	104	104 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Open.		High.	Low.	Clos.
Wheat	113 1/2	113 1/2	113	113 1/2
May	113 1/2	113 1/2	113	113 1/2
July	103 1/2	103 1/2	103	103 1/2
September	103 1/2	103 1/2	103	103 1/2
Corn	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	60 1/2
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	60 1/2
July	62 1/2	62 1/2	62	62 1/2
September	62 1/2	62 1/2	62	62 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Open.		High.	Low.	Clos.
May	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
July	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
August	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
September	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
October	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

Harriman & Co.—According to gossip in some houses, the strength in sterling exchange now is due to the efforts of short sellers. There was a lot of selling of sterling it is said on rumors of bond deals abroad. No delay was anticipated, and when it materialized the shorts are said to have become uneasy. Their retirement is said to be almost entirely responsible for the rise in sterling now.

W. B. Hibbs & Co.—Market in traders' hands. Do not look for much either way, but what there is doing is tending toward lower prices.

E. F. Hutton & Co.—Some of the bear